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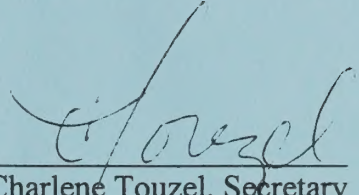


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NOTICE OF MEETING

Hamilton Veterans Committee

Thursday, September 23, 1999
4:00 o'clock p.m.
Room 233, City Hall


Charlene Touzel, Secretary
Hamilton Veterans Committee

AGENDA:

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS (no copy)

Introduction of New Committee Secretary

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Meetings held:

- a) May 6, 1999
- b) May 6, 1999 (with Veterans Associations)

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Revised Policy Respecting the Activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee
(report available at meeting)

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) Letter from Freda Little re: Burial on Non-Veterans in the Field of Honour
- b) Letter from Last Post Fund re: Inscription of "Lest We Forget" on all future Veterans' Upright Monuments

5. 1999 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICES

Review Remembrance Day Planning Agenda

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

Note: The Committee will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. for a Dinner Planning Meeting and will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. in Room 233, City Hall to meet with representatives of the Hamilton and area Veterans Associations to formulate plans for the 1999 Remembrance Day Parade and Services.

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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Thursday, May 6, 1999

3:30 o'clock p.m.

Chairman's Board Room, 1st Floor, Hamilton City Hall

The Hamilton Veterans Committee met.

There were Present:

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Jack McFarland, Vice-Chairman
Alderman Dave Wilson
Tom Dean
Bill Eisan
Mike Roach
Lloyd Shephard

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Regrets:

Alderman Bernie Morelli

Also Present:

Rick Zbucki, Manager, Cemeteries Division
Charlene Touzel, Secretary

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Frank Caldwell, Chairman, assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order.

2. DELEGATION

Review Policy Respecting the Activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee – Rick Zbucki, Manager, Cemeteries Division

The Committee met with Rick Zbucki, Manager, Cemeteries Division, to review the Policy respecting the activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee (which include the burial of Veterans in the Field of Honour), as adopted by City Council in 1983 and subsequently amended in 1988 and 1996.

Listed below in *italics* is the Policy respecting the activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee (Section 1 of the **THIRTEENTH** Report of the Parks and Recreation Committee for 1983 as amended by City Council on January 12, 1988 and April 30, 1996), followed by the comments, suggestions and recommendations of the Committee:

1. *Approval of the following policy respecting the activities of the Hamilton Veterans' Committee:*

- (a) *Married couples who are both veterans have the right to be buried side by side in the Field of Honour (Section 18, Woodland Cemetery) and that the adjacent plot be reserved until the death of the spouse, provided full payment is made at the time of the first interment.*

Some discussion ensued on whether or not the Committee should consider amending this Section to permit spouses, who are not Veterans, to be buried in the Field of Honour and whether or not spouses could be buried together in the same plot. Rick Zbucki, Manager, Cemeteries Division, indicated that he can research the regulations in other cemeteries respecting the above, and report back to the Committee.

- (b) *When a double flat marker (18" x 24") is purchased for a husband and wife who are both veterans for installation in a flat marker section, that one and a half times the value of a veterans' metal cross be rebated to the estate of the deceased veteran.*

It was noted that flat markers are not permitted in the Field of Honour.

- (c) *The cost of a metal veterans' cross be rebated to the estate of any Hamilton veteran who is buried in White Chapel Gardens or Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and who requests this refund from the City of Hamilton.*

The Committee questioned why rebates are still being granted when metal veterans' crosses were discontinued over twenty years ago.

The Secretary indicated that in the past eleven years, she has received only one request for a rebate for a Veteran buried in a Cemetery other than the Field of Honour, Woodland Cemetery.

Rick Zbucki advised the Committee that there are no metal crosses in White Chapel Gardens and outlined the problems associated with the metal crosses (vandalism, breakage, etc.).

After considerable discussion, the Committee agreed that this Section of the Policy should be amended so that burial rebates are provided for Veterans buried in the Field of Honour only.

- (d) *That a cheque for full payment accompany any applications for burial in the Field of Honour.*

Rick Zbucki advised the Committee that payment for upright monuments for family-paid burials in the Field of Honour are currently being requested, but that full payment for the burial expenses is not required at the time of application. The Committee was advised that the Cemetery Office can hold a plot for three months and does provide payment plans (40% of grave expense upfront, with the remainder being paid, interest free, over a two-year period).

The Committee supported the payment plan method and agreed that this Section should be amended to reflect the current procedure being followed by the Cemetery Office.

- (e) *On Decoration Day, flags be placed only on the veterans' graves in the Fields of Honour (Sections 5 and 18, Woodland Cemetery) in June, and Eastlawn Cemetery in August.*

Rick Zbucki advised the Committee that this policy is being followed.

Bill Eisan questioned whether or not flags could also be placed on the graves of Veterans buried in Bartonville Cemetery. Rick Zbucki agreed to provide Bill Eisan with a map of the Cemetery, so that the graves of Veterans can be identified.

(f) *That:*

- (i) *All wreaths placed at the Cenotaph on Decoration Day in June be removed by August 15th, each year.*

The Committee agreed that this Section could be deleted as the Decoration Day portion at the Cenotaph has been discontinued.

- (ii) *All fresh wreaths placed for Remembrance Day on November 11th, be removed by December 15th.*

The Committee recommended no change to this Section.

- (iii) *All artificial wreaths placed for Remembrance Day on November 11th, be removed by January 15th.*

The Committee recommended no change to this Section.

- (iv) *All wreaths placed on other occasions be removed within one month of their placement.*

Questions were raised on who can lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in light of the recent media coverage that a Serbian group recently laid a wreath at the Cenotaph.

The Committee agreed that since the Cenotaph is dedicated to Veterans that served in WWI, WWII and Korea, that wreaths laid in their memory would be permitted, but that permission of the Hamilton Veterans Committee would be required for any wreaths that do not fall under this category.

The Committee was also advised that one of the posts at the Cenotaph is missing. The Secretary was directed to send a memorandum to the Commissioner, Department of Public Works and Traffic, requesting that this post be replaced immediately.

- (g) *That the cost of a metal veterans' cross be rebated to the estate of any veteran who is buried in a flat marker section of any Hamilton Municipal Cemetery, or Sections 5 or 18, Woodland Cemetery.*

(See comments under Section (c)).

- (h) *That a joint Remembrance Day Parade and Service with the Militia be held on the Sunday preceding November 11th when November 11th falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday; and that it be held on the following Sunday when November 11th falls on a*

Thursday or Friday; and that when November 11th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the Parade and Service be held on that day.

The Committee recommended no change to this Section.

- (i) *That a Remembrance Day Service be held at the Cenotaph on the 11th of November at 11:00 a.m. each year.*

The Committee recommended no change to this Section.

- (j) *In the event of inclement weather, as determined by the parade staff, the Decoration Day and Remembrance Day Services be held in the James Street Armoury.*

Given that the Decoration Day Parade and Service at the Cenotaph has been discontinued, the Committee agreed to delete reference to it in this Section. The Committee also felt strongly, that regardless of weather, the November 11th Service shall be held at the Cenotaph, and that the inclement weather provisions would apply only to the Sunday Parade and Service held jointly with the Militia Units, provided that November 11th did not fall on the Sunday.

- (k) *Approval of the following regulations for burial in the War Veterans' Field of Honour, Section 18, Woodland Cemetery:*

- (i) *A person who has been a Canadian, British, British Commonwealth, British Empire, Allied War Veteran or a member of the Canadian Armed Forces (regular permanent forces) who dies while on active service.*

- (ii) *A War Veteran as defined as a person who was a member of His (Her) Majesty's, or Allied Armed Forces, on active service during the following war periods:*

<i>Boer War</i>	<i>(1899 - 1902)</i>
<i>First World War</i>	<i>(1914 - 1918)</i>
<i>Second World War</i>	<i>(1939 - 1945)</i>
<i>Korean War</i>	<i>(1950 - 1953)</i>

The Committee agreed that the Section needed to be amended to include reference to those who served with the regular permanent forces or active Militia.

- (iii) *The form, attached as Schedule "A", is to be completed as fully as possible by the person making the arrangements for interment of the deceased.*

The Secretary indicated that the Application Form has been modified slightly to remove Veterans Affairs Canada from the list of options under "Burial to be Financed by", as all of their burials are now handled by the Last Post Fund.

- (l) *That no planting of flower beds be permitted on individual graves.*

The Secretary indicated that this Section would need to be amended to reflect the current policy for plantings, etc. on Veterans graves, including the provision that wreaths are permitted in the winter.

- (m) *That no flat markers of any kind be permitted in the Field of Honour.*

NOTE: *The applicant also accepts and agrees to abide by the Cemetery Department rules regarding the maintenance of the grounds in the Field of Honour.*

The Committee recommended no change to this Section.

After its review of the current Policy respecting the activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, the Committee approved the following:

That the Committee Secretary work with the Manager, Cemeteries Division, to draft a revised Policy respecting the activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee, based on the comments, suggestions and recommendations indicated above, for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Committee was in receipt of the Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for its meetings held:

- a) September 15, 1998
- b) September 15, 1998 (with Veterans Associations)

These Minutes were adopted as circulated.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Discussion re: Shorter Remembrance Day Parade Route for Veterans

The Committee discussed at some length, the suggestion that was made at the last meeting, to shorten the parade route for Veterans for the Annual Remembrance Day Parade.

A suggestion was made that the Veterans form up on Wilson Street near the Eaton's Centre parking garage, and head the Parade when the Militia Units reach this point.

Tom Dean indicated that he has discussed this suggestion with the Hamilton Naval Veterans Association and advised the Committee that they are opposed to a shortened Parade Route for Veterans.

Mike Roach added that he too would not like to see the Veterans Parade Route shortened and indicated that those Veterans that do not wish to march the entire length of the Parade can join in along the Parade Route or fall in at the Cenotaph.

After further discussion on this matter, the Committee agreed that the Parade Route for Veterans for the Annual Remembrance Day Parade, not be shortened at this time, but that those Veterans who feel that they

cannot march the distance from the James Street Armouries to the Cenotaph be encouraged to join the Parade along the Parade Route or fall in at the Cenotaph.

Bill Eisan also brought to the Committee's attention that he has received some complaints from the general public that the Colour Guard blocks their view of the Cenotaph during Remembrance Day Services. The Committee agreed that at future Remembrance Day Services, only three members would constitute the Colour Guard (Canadian, Union Jack and United Nations flags) and that all other Colours would remain with their units.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

a) **Letter of Congratulations from J. Brian Henley re: 1998 Remembrance Day Service**

The Committee was in receipt of an e-mail note from Mr. J. Brian Henley dated November 11, 1998, congratulating the Committee on its 1998 Remembrance Day Service. This correspondence was received as circulated.

b) **Letter from Alex Clark, President, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 163 re: Fundraising for Memorial Garden Project**

The Committee was in receipt of a letter dated February 10, 1999 from the President, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 163, respecting their fundraising efforts for its Memorial Garden project. The Committee received and took no action on this letter.

c) **Letter from Ronald A. JohnSon re: Dieppe Monument**

The Committee was in receipt of a letter dated March 3, 1999 from Mr. Ronald A. JohnSon to the Mayor, providing input in response to a recent letter to the Editor respecting a Dieppe Monument in the City of Hamilton. The Committee received and took no action on this letter.

6. **1999 DECORATION DAY SERVICE**

Review Decoration Day Planning Agenda

The Committee was in receipt of a copy of the Decoration Day Planning Agenda, which would be discussed further with representatives of Hamilton and area Veterans Associations later this evening.

The Committee agreed to hold this year's Service in Section 18, Woodland Cemetery, to serve as a dedication to the new Garden of Remembrance located within this Section. Next year's Decoration Day Service would be held in Section 5, Woodland Cemetery.

Rick Zbucki, Manager, Cemeteries Division, circulated photographs showing the upgrades that have been made to Section 18, including a new flagpole, grading changes, stairs and the Garden of Remembrance.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a) **Bartonville Cemetery Commemorative Plaque Unveiling**

Committee Members were advised of a Plaque unveiling Ceremony at Bartonville Cemetery on May 16, 1999 at 12:00 noon. Given the number of Veterans buried in that Cemetery, Members were encouraged to attend.

b) **Meeting with Veterans Affairs Canada**

Committee Members were advised that plans have been made for the Hamilton Veterans Committee to meet with the District Director, Veterans Affairs Canada, on May 25, 1999. An agenda for this meeting would follow.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. for a Dinner Planning Meeting and would reconvene at 7:00 p.m. in Room 233, City Hall, to meet with representatives of the Hamilton and area Veterans Associations to formulate plans for the 1999 Decoration Day Service.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Charlene Touzel, Secretary

Thursday, May 6, 1999
7:00 o'clock p.m.
Room 233, City Hall

The Hamilton Veterans Committee met with representatives of Hamilton area Veterans Associations to finalize plans for the 1999 Decoration Day Service.

There were Present:

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Jack McFarland, Vice-Chairman
Tom Dean
Bill Eisan
Mike Roach

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Regrets:

Alderman Bernie Morelli
Alderman Dave Wilson
Lloyd Shephard

Also Present:

George Thorne, National Steel Car War Veterans
John Clarke, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 58
Dorothy Simpson, RCAF (WD) Association
Robert Moses, Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans Association
John Wilkinson, Hamilton Naval Veterans Association
Ronald Fox, Hamilton Signals Association
Charlene Touzel, Secretary

1. UPDATE ON CURRENT VETERANS ISSUES

Frank Caldwell, Chairman, called the meeting to order and updated the representatives of the various Hamilton Veterans Associations on the issues discussed by the Committee at its meeting held earlier today including its review of the Policy respecting the burial of Veterans in the Field of Honour; regulations respecting the laying wreaths at the Cenotaph; landscaping changes and upgrades to Section 18, Woodland Cemetery; and, the Parade Route for Veterans on Remembrance Day.

Dorothy Simpson expressed her concerns that only Veterans should be buried in the Field of Honour, Woodland Cemetery, and encouraged the Committee not to amend the policy to provide for the burial of non-Veterans in this Section.

2. 1999 DECORATION DAY SERVICE

Discussion ensued on the 1999 Decoration Day Service to be held on Sunday, June 13, 1999 in Section 18, Woodland Cemetery, and the following arrangements were confirmed:

Service Starting Time	11:00 a.m.
Place of Service	Section 18, Woodland Cemetery
Clergy	Reverend Aaron Orr
Transportation	3 Buses will depart rear of City Hall at 10:30 a.m. sharp
Band	To be confirmed by Committee Secretary with the assistance of the Chairman
Piper	Bill Eisan to contact RCL Branch 58
Bugler	Mike Roach to contact RHLI

U.N. Flag Bearer

Bill Eisan to contact Unit 26, KVA

Fly Past

Canadian Warplane Heritage
(weather permitting)

3. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a) **Hamilton Naval Veterans Association – Invitation to Parades/Services**

Tom Dean extended an invitation to all Veterans to attend the Hamilton Naval Veterans Association's Parade and Services on June 6 and July 1, 1999.

b) **Upcoming Veterans Activities/Events**

Jack McFarland requested all Veterans Clubs to provide him with a list of any upcoming Veterans activities/events/parades so that the United Council of Veterans can circulate this information.

c) **Parade at St. Elizabeth's Villa**

Dorothy Simpson provided comments on yesterday's Parade held at St. Elizabeth Villa. Mrs. Simpson expressed her disappointment on the poor turn out of Veterans and encouraged as many Veterans as possible to take part in next year's Parade and Service.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Charlene Touzel, Secretary

May 31/99

Mr R Zbucki,
Cemetery Board Manager.
Hamilton, Ont.

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Dear Sir.

It has come to our attention that requests have been made for non-veterans to be buried in the Field of Honour

I am writing on behalf of our organization (R.C.A.F. W.D. ASSOC) to voice our strong opposition to such a request - our thoughts being that it would no longer be a Field of Honour.

Yours respectfully,

Freda Little

(Correspondence secretary)

N.B.

Please address any replies to our President.

Mrs. D. Simpson.

1324 Nevins Dr.

Burlington, Ont.

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**Last Post Fund**

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Aug. 25, 1999

Charlene Touzel, Secretary
Hamilton Veterans Committee
City of Hamilton
71 Main St. W.
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of August 17, 1999 our National Office recently advised us that we must add "LEST WE FORGET" to all markers that we order as of May 25, 1999. This is to conform with Last Post Fund markers throughout Canada. Our Branch was the only one that had not been doing this. We have also been advised that this would not be done to existing markers or those ordered before May 25, 1999.

We understand your concern about complaints from some families but we also understand the reasoning of our National Office re conformity for Last Post Fund markers across Canada as we have had complaints from families of veterans who died in other provinces and were buried in Ontario about this phrase missing from our markers.

Yours truly,

Richard F. Noble
Deputy Branch Manager

Uphright.

CONRAD GERVAIS
SERGENT
22IEME REGIMENT
COMBATTANT A ORTONA.
1920 -- 1997

LEST WE FORGET

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*This has been suggested by our association. It has
yet to be approved by our office.*

M. J. M.

AGENDA

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1. Call to Order and Chairman's Remarks

2. Remembrance Day Service - Thursday, November 11, 1999

Time of Service	<u>10:45 a.m. sharp</u>
Place of Service	<u>Fall in at Cenotaph (no Parade)</u>
Clergy	<u>Reverend Aaron Orr</u>
Band	<u>Dundas Concert Band</u>
Colour Marshall	<u></u>
Piper	<u></u>
Bugler	<u></u>
Veteran in Charge of Wreath Bearers	<u></u>
Honour Guard	<u></u>
Choir	<u>The Hamilton Children's Choir</u>
Dismissal	<u>At the Cenotaph</u>
Fly Past	<u>Canadian Warplane Heritage (weather permitting)</u>
Media Coverage	<u>Live Broadcast of CHML's Roy Green Show</u>

3. Remembrance Day Parade and Service - Sunday, November 14, 1999

Parade Starting Time	<u>10:15 a.m.</u>
Parade Formation	<u>Old Armouries (signs will be provided)</u>
Order of March	<u>Attached as Appendix "A"</u>
Parade Route	<u>South on James Street to King Street and East on King Street to the Cenotaph (Veterans on South side and Militia on North side of King Street)</u>

Place of Service	<u>Cenotaph</u>
Time of Service	<u>10:45 a.m. sharp</u>
Clergy	<u>Reverend Aaron Orr</u>
Band	<u>HMCS Star Band</u>
Parade Commander	<u></u>
Parade Marshall	<u></u>
Colour Marshall	<u></u>
Saluting Officer	<u>Colonel James Forsyth, SBStJ, CD, CA</u>
Gun Crew	<u>Hamilton Militia District</u>
Honour Guard	<u>Hamilton Militia District</u>
Piper	<u>Hamilton Militia District</u>
Bugler	<u>Hamilton Militia District</u>
Veteran Accompanying Saluting Officer	<u></u>
U.N. Flag Bearer	<u></u>
Veteran in Charge of Wreath Bearers	<u></u>
Choir	<u></u>
Dismissal	<u>John and Rebecca Streets - Veterans</u> <u>Hughson Street to the Armouries - Militia</u>
Fly Past	<u>Canadian Warplane Heritage (weather permitting)</u>

4. **Other Business**

5. **Adjournment**

APPENDIX "A"

Section No. 1

British Imperial Veterans' Association
R.C.A.F. Association (Krakow Wing) Hamilton
R.C.A.F. Association 447 Wing
R.C.A.F. W.D. Association
Stelco War Veterans' Association
4th Canadian Infantry Veterans
Hamilton Firefighters War Veterans Association
Knight's of Columbus Veterans

Section No. 2

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Veterans Association
Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans
Dominion Foundries & Steel War Veterans Association
Canadian Corps. of Commissionaires
Hamilton Municipal Employee War Veterans Association
National Steel Car Veterans Association
Hamilton Naval Veterans Association
Burlington Naval Veterans Association
Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada
Prisoners of War Association
Dutch Canadian Legion - Hamilton Branch
Contact Mariniers Canada - Royal Netherlands Marine Corps Veterans Association

Section No. 3

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 58 - with Band
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 343 - Maccabees Branch
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 315 - Polish Branch
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 163 - Mt. Hamilton Branch
Korea Veterans Association
Canadian Airborne Forces Association
Hamilton Signals Association
23 (HAM) Service Battalion Association

Section No. 4

Hamilton Police War Veterans Association
Canadian Corps - Unit 57 - R.H.L.I. Association
War Amputations Association of Canada
Polish Combatants Association - Branch 23
American Legion Post 18
Polish Army War Veterans Association of America - Post 163
Veterans Service League
Canadian Vietnam Veterans of Hamilton

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NOTICE OF MEETING


Hamilton Veterans Committee

**Thursday, December 2, 1999
3:30 o'clock p.m.
Room 219, City Hall**

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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS


Carolyn Biggs, Secretary
Hamilton Veterans Committee

AGENDA:

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS** (no copy)
2. **DELEGATIONS**

Dieppe Park

- a) Request from Col. James Forsyth to address the Committee respecting the renaming of Gore Park
- b) Correspondence from R. W. Chrystian, Manager of Parks, respecting Application received for the Renaming of Gore Park to Dieppe Park
- c) Information Report to the Parks and Recreation Committee respecting Application received for the Renaming of Gore Park to Dieppe Park

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Meetings held:

- a) September 23, 1999
- b) September 23, 1999 (with Veterans Associations)

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Revised Policy Respecting the Activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee

5. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

a) Request for comments – Vimy Ridge Day – April 9

6. **1999 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICES**

Review of 1999 Remembrance Day Parade and Services

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

2. **ADJOURNMENT**



THE ROYAL HAMILTON LIGHT INFANTRY
(Wentworth Regiment)
The John Weir Foote VC Armouries
200 James Street North
Hamilton, Ontario L8R 2L1

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11 November 1999

City of Hamilton Veterans Committee
City Hall
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
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Dear Sirs:

I understand that your committee will be discussing the suggestion to change the name of the eastern part of Gore Park to Dieppe Park.

I know that this is not a popular suggestion and is not favoured by many veterans. I do however support this proposal in that it would create a living and lasting memorial to the nearly 600 soldiers from the Hamilton area who fought, and in many cases, died at Dieppe on 19 August 1942.

The Cenotaph honours the sailors, soldiers and air personnel who died in the service of Canada during the great wars and conflicts of the 20th Century. Dieppe was however the worst military disaster to affect the Hamilton area during all of the conflicts which the Cenotaph honours. By creating this park, the citizens of Hamilton will always have it as a reminder of the great sacrifices made by so many local young men. This is an opportunity to create a permanent place in the history of Hamilton to the memory of our Dieppe veterans. If this opportunity is lost, then it is unlikely that the memory of Dieppe will be remembered or honoured in August 2042 except by a few relatives and the serving members of The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry.

If I can be of any further service to you in your deliberations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

James Forsyth, Colonel
Honorary Colonel
The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry

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Department of Public Works and Traffic Memorandum

TO: C. Biggs, Secretary
Hamilton Veterans Committee

FROM: R. W. Chrystian
Manager of Parks

DATE: 1999 October 27

FILE NO.: 99.2366.00

SUBJECT: Application for the Renaming of Gore Park to Dieppe Park

Attached please find an application for the renaming of part of Gore Park, from a Mr. Rocchi, along with correspondence forwarded to Mr. Rocchi which I would ask you to bring to the attention of the Veterans Committee for review and comment. Should you consider it useful for Parks staff to attend a Veterans Committee meeting, please advise, otherwise, I would appreciate knowing the date of the next meeting so that we could schedule this matter going to the Parks Staff Committee thereafter. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

RWC/mc
Attachment

cc: B. Janssen, Planning Department
C. Touzel, Secretary, Parks and Recreation Committee

APPLICATION
FOR THE
NAMING OF PARKS, WORKS YARDS AND FACILITIES
CITY OF HAMILTON

1. Proposed name applies to a - Park ☒ (check one)
- Facility ☐

2. Location GOLF PARK - EAST OF HUGHES AND WEST OF JOHN

3. Proposed Name DIEPPE PARK

4. Provide a brief explanation on the connection between the proposed name and the City park or facility under consideration.

THIS SECTION OF GOLF PARK ENCOMPASSES THE
CENOTAPH HONOURING LOCAL WAR DEAD. TO SPECIFICALLY
RECOGNIZE THE SACRIFICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF
PEOPLE FROM THE HAMILTON AREA. THE NAME DIEPPE IS
SYNONYMOUS WITH SACRIFICE, VALOUR, AND SELFLESS
COMMITMENT TO THE IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY, NO MATTER
HOW GREAT THE COST.

5. If nominating the name of an individual or group, provide as much information as possible (use additional pages if required.)

i) Be sure to complete paragraph 4 above describing the connection between the individual and the park or facility proposed for dedication.

- ii) List the extraordinary contribution(s) to the City, Province, Country made by the nominated individual or group.

THE ROYAL HAMILTON LIGHT INFANTRY WAS
DISMANTLED AT DIEPPE. THE VILLAGE OF WINONA LOST
ALL OF ITS YOUNG MEN, EITHER KILLED OR CAPTURED.
THE ASSAULT ON DIEPPE MADE PRACTICABLE THE
QUEST FOR AN ASSAULT ON BERLIN. THE LESSONS
OF DIEPPE WENT DIRECTLY TO THE SUCCESS OF D-DAY.

- iii) If nominated individual is deceased, give date of passing.

- iv) Is the individual or group or next of kin in the case of a deceased person, aware of this nomination.

yes ☐

no ☒

Nomination submitted by: *

Name

FRANCIS X. ROSEN

Address

183 FREZZARD ROAD

FREZZARD, ON

K0R 1K0

Telephone (h) (905) 659-7759

(w) (905) 570-1602

* NOTE: Attach names of others supporting this application, if applicable.

PAUL S. LAKIN, DAVID TECTOR

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CITY OF HAMILTON

- INFORMATION -

DATE: 1999 November 5
Author: R. W. Chrystian

REPORT TO: Chairman and Members
Parks and Recreation Committee

FROM: C. Guthro, Acting Commissioner
Department of Public Works and Traffic

SUBJECT: Application for the Re-naming of East Portion
of Gore Park to Dieppe Park (PWT99077)

BACKGROUND:

Through various news and radio commentary, Members of Council will be aware of a proposal to change the name of that portion of Gore Park, east of Hughson Street to Dieppe Park.

In this connection, staff can confirm that a completed application has been received from Mr. F. Rocchi, Freelton, requesting this name change along with a supporting letter from Mr. D. Ross Ferguson.

In accordance with the Council approved Procedure and Guidelines for the Naming of Parks and Facilities, this matter will be reviewed by the Parks Staff Advisory Committee following which a recommendation will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Committee for consideration.

This staff review will take into account input from the Hamilton Veterans Committee, which has specific interest in matters relative to the Cenotaph in Gore Park.

Staff anticipates receiving information from the Veterans Committee early in December, as members are presently involved in organizing Remembrance Day Services and related activities.

RWC/mc *Charles Guthro*

cc: D. A. Lychak, City Manager
A. F. Leitch, P.Eng., General Manager,
Transportation, Operations and Environment
C. Biggs, Secretary, Hamilton Veterans Committee
B. Janssen, Community Planning and Development

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Thursday, September 23, 1999
4:00 o'clock p.m.
Room 233, Hamilton City Hall

The Hamilton Veterans Committee met.

There were Present: Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Alderman Dave Wilson
Bill Eisan
Mike Roach
Lloyd Shepard

Regrets: Alderman Bernie Morelli
Tom Dean
Jack McFarland

Also Present: Carolyn Biggs, Secretary
Charlene Touzel, Past Secretary

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Frank Caldwell, Chairman, assumed the Chair and called the meeting to order. Mr. Caldwell advised the Committee that Charlene Touzel will no longer be the secretary to the Committee, and that these duties will be assumed by Carolyn Biggs. Mr. Caldwell thanked Mrs. Touzel for her dedicated work and efforts to the Committee over the past number of years, on behalf of the Committee.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

The Committee was in receipt of the Minutes of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for its meetings held:

- a) May 6, 1999
- b) May 6, 1999 (with Veterans Associations)

These Minutes were adopted as circulated.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Revised Policy respecting the Activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee

The Committee was in receipt of a draft report dated September 24, 1999 from the Committee Secretary respecting the above-noted matter.

Charlene Touzel reviewed the revised recommendations, bringing to the attention of the Committee those areas of concern addressed by the Committee at their last meeting. The revised policy is presented in a more concise and organized manner with respect to Parades and Services, the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery, and the Cenotaph, Gore Park.

It was also suggested that the Veterans be advised of when this report will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee in order to allow members of the Veterans Committee to be in attendance to speak to the issue. Alderman D. Wilson also indicated that he will attend the meeting of the Committee to speak on behalf of the Veterans.

Following discussion, the Committee approved that the following recommendations be forwarded to the Park and Recreation Committee for consideration:

Revised Policy Respecting the Activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee

- a) That Section 1 of the THIRTEENTH Report of the Parks and Recreation Committee for 1983 as adopted by City Council on June 28, 1983, and subsequent amendments (Section 15 of the FIRST Report and Section 4 of the SIXTH Report of the Parks and Recreation Committee adopted by City Council on January 12, 1988 and April 30, 1996 respectively) regarding the Policy Respecting the Activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee be rescinded.
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5. Other Veterans Parades and Services as may be required at the request of the Mayor of the City of Hamilton, the Parks and Recreation Committee and/or City Council.

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2. An Application for Burial in the Fields of Honour, attached hereto and marked as Appendix "A", must be completed in full and submitted for approval, to the Secretary, Hamilton Veterans Committee, with proof of service (Service or Discharge Papers), and in the case of family-paid burials, full payment for the Upright Monument.
3. Only Upright Monuments shall be permitted in the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery.
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5. For family-paid burials in the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery, the Hamilton Veterans Committee shall rebate to the estate of the deceased Veteran, a one-time rebate of \$175 in lieu of the Soldiers' Cross that the City no longer provides.
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1. Given that the Cenotaph in Gore Park is dedicated to Veterans that served in World War I, World War II and the Korean War, that wreaths laid in their memory be permitted, but that permission of the Hamilton Veterans Committee would be required for any wreaths that do not fall under this category.

2. That all fresh and artificial wreaths placed at the Cenotaph during Remembrance Day Services be removed by December 15 and January 15 respectively.
 3. That all wreaths placed at the Cenotaph for any other occasion be removed within one month of their placement.
- c) That a copy of this revised policy be forwarded to the Manager of Cemeteries, Manager of Parks and the Special Events Advisory Team for their information and appropriate action.

Policy respecting Saluting, Colours, Rifles and Dipping

Discussion took place with respect to the inconsistency of when the Veterans and the Militia should or should not salute during the Remembrance Day Services i.e., Last Post, Lament, Reveille.

The Committee Secretary was requested to contact the Canadian Armed Forces to obtain a copy of their policy with respect to saluting, colours, rifles and dipping. and that it be circulated to the Committee upon receipt so that they can meet with the Colour Commanders for each Veterans organization and come to a consensus before the Remembrance Day Parade and Service..

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) **Letter from Freda Little re: Burial of Non-Veterans in the Fields of Honour**

The Committee was in receipt of a letter dated May 31, 1999 from Freda Little, on behalf of the R.C.A.F. W. D. Association, expressing strong opposition to non-veterans being buried in the Fields of Honour. The Committee agreed with this position, and the correspondence was received as circulated.

- b) **Letter from Last Post Fund re: "Lest We Forget" Inscription on all Future Veterans' Upright Monuments**

The Committee was in receipt of a letter dated August 25, 1999 from the Last Post Fund advising that as of May 25, 1999, the inscription of "Lest We Forget" must be added on all markers.

Charlene Touzel advised that Hardwick Monuments has been so advised, and they have indicated that the inscription could be added, at no additional cost.

5. 1999 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICES

Charlene Touzel advised the Committee that the entrance to the Bank of Nova Scotia for the display of Veterans' medals is no longer available due to renovations at the bank. The Committee requested that an alternate location be pursued, keeping in mind the need for tight security.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

n/a

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. for a Dinner Planning Meeting, and would reconvene at 7:00 a.m. in Room 233, City Hall, to meet with representatives of the Hamilton and area Veterans Associations to finalize plans for the 1999 Remembrance Day Service and Parade.

Taken as read and approved,

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Carolyn Biggs, Secretary

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Thursday, September 23, 1999
7:00 o'clock p.m.
Room 233, Hamilton City Hall

The Hamilton Veterans Committee met with representatives of Hamilton area Veterans Associations to finalize plans for the 1999 Remembrance Day Services and Parade.

There were Present: Frank Caldwell, Chairman
 Bill Eisan
 Mike Roach
 Lloyd Shepard

Regrets: Alderman Bernie Morelli
 Alderman Dave Wilson
 Tom Dean
 Jack McFarland

Also Present: R. J. Smith, United Council
 A. Wheeldon, Veterans Service League
 Winston Webb, Police War Veterans
 Ron Fox, Hamilton Signals Association
 Guy Suttanwood-Johnston, RSM, Royal Hamilton
 Light Infantry
 PC Dave Schwalm, Hamilton-Wentworth Regional
 Police Services
 Carolyn Biggs, Secretary
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1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Frank Caldwell, Chairman, called the meeting to order and updated the representatives of the various Hamilton Veterans Associations on the issues discussed by the Committee at its meeting held earlier today, and advising that the duties of Secretary to the Committee will be assumed by Carolyn Biggs. On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Caldwell thanked Charlene Touzel for her dedicated work and efforts over the past several years.

Mr. Caldwell also advised the Committee of the earlier discussions which had taken place respecting the policy on the activities of the Hamilton Veterans Club.

The Committee also reaffirmed its position on the policy respecting the burial of Veterans in the Field of Honour, that it was for Veterans only, and that spouses can be buried in the Field of Honour only if they were a Veteran.

**2. PLANNING FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
– THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1999**

The following arrangements for the Thursday, November 11, 1999 Remembrance Day Service were made:

Time of Service	10:45 a.m. sharp
Place of Service	Fall in at Cenotaph (no Parade)
Clergy	Reverend Aaron Oor
Band	Dundas Concert Band
Colour Marshall	Bill Eisan
Piper	Bill Eisan to advise
Bugler	Mike Falla
Person in Charge of Wreath Bearers	Gerry Rattray
Honour Guard	RSM Suttanwood-Johnston to arrange
Choir	The Hamilton Children's Choir
Dismissal	At the Cenotaph
Fly Past	Canadian Warplane Heritage (weather permitting)
Media Coverage	Live Broadcast of CHML's Roy Green Show

3. **PLANNING FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE**
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1999

Parade Starting Time	10:15 a.m.
Parade Formation	Old Armouries (signs will be provided)
Order of March	Attached as Appendix "A"
Parade Route	South on James Street to King Street and east on King Street to the Cenotaph (Veterans on South side and Militia on North side of King Street)
Place of Service	Cenotaph
Time of Service	10:45 a.m. sharp
Clergy	Reverend Aaron Orr
Band	HMCS Star Band
Parade Commander	Frank Caldwell
Parade Marshall	Mike Roach
Colour Marshall	Bill Eisan
Saluting Officer	Col. James Forsyth, SBSt, CD, CA
Gun Crew	Hamilton Militia District
Honour Guard	Hamilton Militia District
Piper	Hamilton Militia District
Bugler	Hamilton Militia District
Veteran Accompanying Saluting Officer	Bill McCulloch
U.N. Flag Bearer	Bill Eisan to arrange
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Dismissal	John and Rebecca Streets – Veterans Hughson Street to the Armouries – Militia
Fly Past	Canadian Warplane Heritage (weather permitting)

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Protocol – Saluting and Flag Raising/Lowering

The Committee requested that the Secretary contact Col. James Forsyth to obtain the protocol for saluting and flag raising/lowering during the Remembrance Day services, and that the information be circulated upon receipt.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

Taken as read and approved

Frank Caldwell, Chairman
Hamilton Veterans Committee

Carolyn Biggs, Secretary

Office of the Municipal Clerk

MEMORANDUM

4.

TO: Chairman and Members
Hamilton Veterans Committee

FROM: Carolyn A. Biggs
Legislative Assistant

PHONE: (905)546-2604

DATE: November 26, 1999

SUBJECT: Report to the Parks and Recreation Committee on the
Revised Policy – Activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee

Attached is a REVISED report respecting the Revised Policy respecting the activities of the Hamilton Veterans Committee for the Committee's review and discussion.

Please note that the revision appears on page 3 of the report under the section of "Cenotaph, Gore Park" (**bolded portion**). The previous report read, "but that permission of the Hamilton Veterans Committee would be required for any wreaths that do not fall under this category."

Following consideration of this report by the Veterans Committee, it will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee at its meeting on Monday, December 6 at 1:15 p.m. in Room 233, Hamilton City Hall.

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Encl.

CITY OF HAMILTON

- RECOMMENDATION -

DATE: November 26, 1999

REPORT TO: Chairman and Members
Parks and Recreation Committee

FROM: Carolyn Biggs, Secretary
Hamilton Veterans Committee

SUBJECT: Revised Policy Respecting the Activities of the
Hamilton Veterans Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

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FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: n/a

BACKGROUND:

The Hamilton Veterans Committee at its meeting held May 6, 1999, reviewed its policies, which have not been reviewed in its entirety since the policy was adopted by City Council in 1983.

While a number of the proposed amendments are housekeeping matters, the significant changes being proposed affect the regulations for burial of Veterans in the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery, and the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph in Gore Park.

Changes to the regulations for burial have been broadened so that members of the Canadian Armed Forces (regular permanent forces or active militia) who die while on active service, are now eligible to be buried in the Fields of Honour. This change is in keeping with Veterans Affairs Canada's policy which includes these members under its definition of the term "Veteran".

The Committee is also recommending that the past policy of issuing rebates to Veterans buried in the flat marker Sections of any Hamilton Municipal Cemetery, or Sections 5 and 18, Woodland Cemetery, White Chapel Gardens or Holy Sepulchre Cemetery be amended so that only family-paid burials in the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery, would be entitled to the rebate. For the Committee's information, no requests from families of Veterans buried in Sections other than the Fields of Honour have been received in over eleven years.

The Committee's recommendation to discontinue the requirement of full payment of all burial expenses at the time of application, will allow Veterans and their families to take advantage of the Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries' two year interest-free payment plans, and will also be less onerous on burials funded by The Last Post Fund, who will no longer have to provide payment for Upright Monuments at the time of application. The Committee is also recommending that payment arrangements for spousal burials can be deferred for six months from the time of the first interment, a more sympathetic approach that is also supported by the Manager of Cemeteries.

The other significant change to the policy as recommended by the Committee, is that permission of the Hamilton Veterans Committee would be required for any wreaths laid at the Cenotaph in Gore Park, other than those dedicated to Veterans that served in World Wars I and II and the Korean War.

attached

cc Rick Zbucki, Manager, Cemeteries
Bob Chrystian, Manager, Parks
Shelly Merlo-Orzel, Chairperson, Special Events Advisory Team

Office of the Municipal Clerk

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members
Hamilton Veterans Committee

FROM: Carolyn A. Biggs
Legislative Assistant

PHONE: (905)546-2604

DATE: November 26, 1999

SUBJECT: Vimy Ridge Day – April 9

Attached is a newspaper article with respect to a Mr. Bob Manuel, who is requesting to have April 9 of each year declared "Vimy Ridge Day".

Mayor R. Morrow has requested the Hamilton Veterans Committee's comments in this regard prior to forwarding a letter of support to the Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage, as indicated in the write up.

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Encl.

Elliot Lake man wants Vimy Ridge Day declared

Presents petition to MP St. Denis

By **ROCCO FRANGIONE**
Special to the Star

ALGOMA DISTRICT — Bob Manuel of Elliot Lake has started his own Millennium project, and it's to get the federal government to recognize Apr. 9 as Vimy Ridge Day.

"Vimy Ridge was the first time Canadians fought as one core of 80,000 and took Vimy Ridge," said Manuel of the April 9, 1917 incident during World War One.

"The French and British tried but failed. Vimy, France was occupied by the Germans and it was a strategic spot. Some, like myself, believe that the Canadian victory helped shorten the length of the war by a few months."

Also, many historians believe following the victory, Canada came into its own as a nation.

"From then on, any Canadian troops who were sent anywhere in the world were kept to together as Canadians," Manuel said.

"They were led by Canadians and people would say here come the Canadians. Prior to that, we were colonials mixed in with the Australians or with whoever and wherever."

During that battle, of the 80,000 soldiers, 4,000 were killed and another 20,000 were wounded.

On Friday, Manuel gave Algoma Manitoulin MP Brent St. Denis a petition signed by 1000 people asking that

Vimy Ridge Day be declared.

St. Denis will now put together a private member's bill calling for the declaration.

Private member's bills rarely pass in the House of Commons. However, Manuel believes this one has a chance.

"First off I'm not asking that another statutory holiday be declared," Manuel said.

"It's simple recognition and something the government can put on its calendar of events that says April 9 is Vimy Ridge Day. Then in schools maybe teachers can take 20 minutes of a lesson and explain to students how important this day is in their lives."

Manuel says the event will not take away from Remembrance Day, and adds, having a Vimy Ridge Day will be a nation builder.

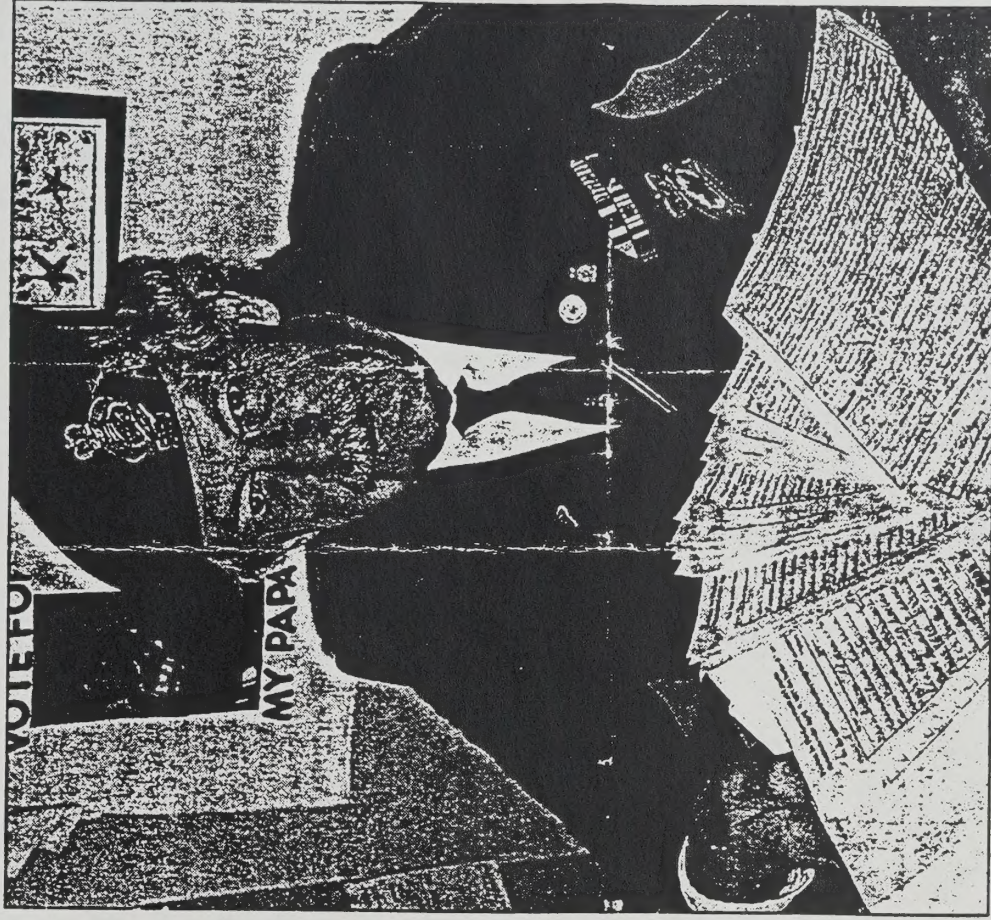
He says "we need it as a unity tool."

"Forty per cent of those 80,000 troops were either from French Canada or French speaking," Manuel said.

Manuel says to help make Vimy Ridge Day happen, he's encouraging people to write to heritage minister Sheila Copps in Ottawa.

He says it's impossible to have Vimy Ridge Day declared in time for this Apr. 9, but there's nothing stopping the House from enacting the bill sometime this year recognizing Apr. 9, 2000 as the first Vimy Ridge Day.

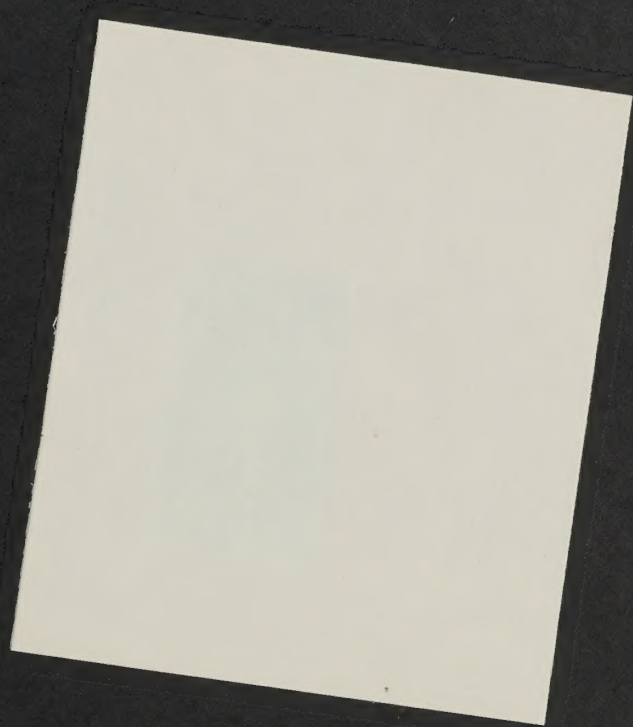
"Then it stays on Canada's books forever," Manuel said.



ROCCO FRANGIONE

BOB MANUEL with petition that he gave to MP Brent St. Denis





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